

Response from Dan Whalen

Rick,

First - I had a great time and enjoyed all the races I was able to make. Unfortunately, I had a late start and still couldn't make all the races left after I got the boat in.

Suggestions:

- 1) I like having the multiple short races but I also enjoyed the longer races that we had when I first sailed on Brookville Lake (i.e. the course ranged from the bridge to Hanna Creek - ABCAC finish). Why not alternate formats or at least throw in some of the longer races?
- 2) Occasionally mix the fleets together. Racing in a crowd is both challenging and fun. I understand that the J-fleet has more fun racing as a group and you should keep it that way for most races but it might be fun to set it up so both fleets can hit a few marks together and maneuver through each other (staggered start, possibly an extra lap for the J fleet - i.e J: ABCACAC finish and the rest ABCAC finish).
- 3) Since I keep my boat at Fairfield, it is a burden to have to sail down to the skippers meeting. Can we arrange for a radio broadcast of key information? If we keep the same format as this year, the meeting isn't needed. However, if we mix up the courses and races per my suggestions, they might be needed.
- 4) Ignoring the mooring location issue, isn't the wind better at the bridge area (I've always thought so but I have no facts to back me up)? If so, why don't we sail more at that end to take advantage of it? If the mooring location is the issue, then let's mix it up so that we can sometimes have the benefits.

As you can see -- I believe variety is the spice of life!!

A specific question specific to my boat: IF (possibly a big if) I get a steady crew so that I can use the spinnaker on a regular basis, I was wondering if I could sail with the J fleet since my handicap is almost the same. I'm willing to sail "straight up" so no handicap calculations are needed.

Please note: message attached

See you on the water!

Dan
